## UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT SOUTHERN DISTRICT OF NEW YORK

AMERICAN TOWER MANAGEMENT, LLC.

Plaintiff,

-against-

TRINITY BROADCASTING OF NEW YORK, INC. and TRINITY BROADCASTING NETWORK, INC..

CIVIL ACTION NO. 09CV7586

Hon. Richard J. Sullivan, U.S.D.J. Hon. James C. Francis, IV, U.S.M.J.

Motion Return Date: October 21, 2009

CERTIFICATION OF WILLIAM N. AUMENTA, ESQ.

(Document filed electronically)

I, WILLIAM N. AUMENTA, ESQ., of full age, do hereby certify and state:

- 1. I am an attorney-at-law admitted to practice law in the States of New Jersey and New York as well as in the United States District Court for the Southern District of New York. I am employed by the law firm of McElroy, Deutsch, Mulvaney & Carpenter, LLP, attorneys for the plaintiff, American Tower Management, LLC ("Plaintiff"), in the above-captioned action. I am fully familiar with the facts set forth herein and make this Certification in support of Plaintiff's Motion for Remand Pursuant to 28 <u>U.S.C.</u> 1447(c).
- 2. On or about September 1, 2009, this action was improperly removed from the Supreme Court of New York, New York County, where it was initially instituted by Plaintiff against defendants, Trinity Broadcasting of New York, Inc. ("Trinity New York") and Trinity Broadcasting Network, Inc. ("Trinity Broadcasting") (collectively "Defendants"), bearing Index No. 09/110100 ("State Court Action). This dispute arises out of the parties' Lease Agreement dated July 14, 1982 ("Lease"), pursuant to which Trinity New York agreed to lease floor space in Plaintiff's transmitter building and tower space located on its antenna tower in order to conduct

its broadcasting operations. By Guaranty dated July 14, 1982, Trinity Broadcasting guaranteed payment of rent and the performance of all other obligations under the Lease. Defendants have breached their obligations under the Lease and Guaranty and, accordingly, owe the sum of \$356,234.43 to Plaintiff.

- 3. On July 16, 2009, the Complaint in the State Court Action was filed against Defendants. The Complaint was served on Trinity Broadcasting and Trinity New York on July 28, 2009 and July 29, 2009, respectively. A true and correct copy of the Complaint and Affidavits of Service are annexed hereto as **Exhibit A**. Accordingly, if removal was to occur, it had to have been filed within thirty (30) days of service of the initial pleading (the Complaint), or by no later than August 27, 2009.
- 4. On August 26, 2009, an Amended Complaint was filed in the State Court Action.

  A true and correct copy of the Amended Complaint is annexed hereto as **Exhibit B**. The Amended Complaint did not add any additional parties, but only clarified the measure of damages and included a new cause of action for declaratory relief.
- 5. Defendants' General Counsel, John B. Casoria, Esq., accepted service of the Amended Complaint by e-mail on behalf of both Defendants. A true and correct copy of e-mail correspondence from John Casoria, Esq. to William Aumenta, Esq. dated August 10, 2009 is annexed hereto as **Exhibit C**.
- 6. On or about September 1, 2009, Trinity Broadcasting filed an untimely Notice of Removal pursuant to 28 <u>U.S.C.</u> 1441(b). In its application, the defendant relied upon the Amended Complaint (not the original Complaint) and erroneously stated that, "[t]o the best of Defendant's knowledge, service of process on Defendant Trinity Broadcasting of New York, Inc. has not been effected as of the date hereof." See, Notice of Removal, ¶ 2.

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7. By e-mail dated September 22, 2009, I forwarded the Affidavits of Service to

defense counsel in order to demonstrate that both Defendants were served with the Complaint in

late-July. A true and correct copy of e-mail correspondence from William Aumenta, Esq. to

Linda Margolin, Esq. dated September 22, 2009 is annexed hereto as Exhibit D. Accordingly, I

requested Defendants' consent to remand without formal motion practice.

8. No response to the email has been received. A request for pre-motion conference

and this motion followed.

I hereby certify that the foregoing statements made by me are true. I am aware that if any

of the foregoing statements made by me are willfully false, I am subject to punishment.

WILLIAM N. AUMENTA, ESQ.

Dated: September 30, 2009

## **EXHIBIT A**

### SUPREME COURT OF THE STATE OF NEW YORK COUNTY OF NEW YORK

AMERICAN TOWER MANAGEMENT, INC.,

Index No:

Plaintiff,

-against-

TRINITY BROADCASTING OF NEW YORK, INC. and TRINITY BROADCASTING NETWORK, INC.,

Defendants.

VERIFIED COMPLAINT

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Plaintiff, American Tower Management, Inc., successor in interest to Five States Tower Company, Inc. ("American Tower" or "Plaintiff"), by way of Verified Complaint against the defendants, Trinity Broadcasting of New York, Inc. ("Trinity New York") and Trinity Broadcasting Network, Inc. ("Trinity Broadcasting") (collectively "Defendants"), by its attorneys, McElroy, Deutsch, Mulvaney & Carpenter, LLP, says:

### THE PARTIES

- 1. American Tower is a corporation organized under the laws of the State of Delaware, has its principal place of business located at 116 Huntington Avenue, Boston, Massachusetts 02116, and is authorized to transact business in New York. American Tower is the successor in interest to Five States Tower Company, Inc. ("Five States").
- 2. Upon information and belief, Trinity New York is a corporation organized under the laws of the State of Delaware and has its principal place of business located at 11 Merritt Boulevard, Fishkill, New York 12524.

3. Upon information and belief, Trinity Broadcasting is a corporation organized under the laws of the State of California and has its principal place of business located at 2442 Michelle Drive, Tustin, California 92780.

### FACTS COMMON TO ALL COUNTS

- 4. On July 14, 1982, Five States and Trinity New York entered into a Lease Agreement ("Lease") pursuant to which Trinity New York agreed to lease floor space in Plaintiff's transmitter building and tower space located on its antenna tower in order to conduct its broadcasting operations. The leased property is located at 1040 Reservoir Road, Highland, New York 12528 ("Site" or "Property").
- 5. The term of the Lease is thirty (30) years commencing on July 12, 1982 and expiring on July 11, 2012, without any right of early termination by the lessee.
- 6. Section 4 of the Lease provides that Trinity New York shall pay to Plaintiff annual rent in the amount of \$35,000.00. The Lease further provides that commencing one year following the commencement date (or July 12, 1983) and for each year thereafter, the annual base rent shall be the greater of (1) \$35,000.00 and (2) an amount equal to \$35,000.00 multiplied by a fraction, the numerator of which is the Consumer Price Index for the most recent month prior to such year that has been published and the denominator of which is the Consumer Price Index for the month in which the lease term commences. Notwithstanding the foregoing, the annual rent under the Lease during any year of its term shall not be less than the annual rent of the prior year.
- 7. The Lease provides that throughout the term of the Lease, Trinity New York is responsible for, among other things, payment of the rental amounts set forth in section 4 of the

Lease as well as fifty percent (50%) of the costs of all repairs and maintenance to the Site and fifty percent (50%) of all taxes and assessments payable on the Property pursuant to sections 6 and 19 of the Lease.

- 8. By Guaranty dated July 14, 1982 ("Guaranty"), Trinity Broadcasting guaranteed payment of rent and the performance of all other obligations under the Lease.
  - 9. American Tower performed in good faith all of its obligations under the Lease.
- 10. However, Trinity New York and Trinity Broadcasting have breached the Lease and Guaranty by failing to remit payment of the sums due and owing to American Tower. As of the filing of this action, the sum of at least \$116,628.78 is due and owing from Defendants to American Tower.
- 11. Plaintiff provided multiple written notices to Defendants of their default of the Lease, but despite repeated demands for payment, Defendants have inexplicably, in bad faith and willfully refused to make payment to Plaintiff.

## AS AND FOR THE FIRST CAUSE OF ACTION (Breach of Contract)

- 12. Plaintiff repeats and realleges the allegations contained in Paragraphs 1 through 11 as if set forth at length herein.
- 13. Plaintiff performed all of its obligations under its valid, binding and enforceable Lease with Trinity New York.
- 14. However, Defendants breached their obligations under the Lease and Guaranty by failing to pay Plaintiff the sums due and owing thereunder.
  - 15. Plaintiff notified Defendants of their breach of the Lease and Guaranty, but

Defendants have failed and refused to remedy said breach.

16. As a result, there is currently due and owing to Plaintiff the sum of \$116,628.78, which damages continue to accrue.

# AS AND FOR THE SECOND CAUSE OF ACTION (Breach of the Implied Covenant of Good Faith and Fair Dealing)

- 17. Plaintiff repeats and realleges the allegations contained in Paragraphs 1 through 16 as if set forth at length herein.
  - 18. Implied in every contract is the covenant of good faith and fair dealing.
- 19. Defendants unlawfully and in bad faith destroyed Plaintiff's economic expectations under the Lease and Guaranty by willfully failing and refusing to make payment thereunder to Plaintiff.

## AS AND FOR THE THIRD CAUSE OF ACTION (Unjust Enrichment)

- 20. Plaintiff repeats and realleges the allegations contained in Paragraphs 1 through 19 as if set forth at length herein.
- 21. Defendants, by failing and refusing to pay the monies due and owing to Plaintiff but benefiting from conducting their operations from the Site, have been unjustly enriched in the amount of at least \$116,628.78, which damages continue to accrue.

### AS AND FOR THE FOURTH CAUSE OF ACTION (Promissory Estoppel)

- 22. Plaintiff repeats and realleges the allegations contained in Paragraphs 1 through 21 as if set forth at length herein.
  - 23. In entering into the Lease, Defendants promised and agreed to make payment of

all amounts due and owing thereunder.

- 24. In reliance upon Defendants' representations and promises in that regard, Plaintiff entered into the Lease and performed all of its obligations thereunder.
- 25. Despite Defendants' promise to pay the full agreed-upon consideration under the Lease, they have failed and/or refused to make full payment to Plaintiff.
- 26. As a result, there is currently due and owing to Plaintiff the sum of \$116,628.78, which damages continue to accrue.

WHEREFORE, Plaintiff demand judgment against Defendants, jointly and severally, in the First Cause of Action, Second Cause of Action, Third Cause of Action and Fourth Cause of Action in the amount of \$116,628.78 plus pre- and post-Judgment interest, costs, disbursements, attorney's fees and such further relief as the Court may deem just and equitable, the exact amount to be proved at trial.

Dated: June 30, 2009 New York, N.Y.

By:

WILLIAM N. AUMENTA, ESQ.

McElroy, Deutsch, Mulvaney & Carpenter, LLP

Attorneys for Plaintiff
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New York, N.Y. 10005

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-and-

1300 Mt. Kemble Avenue P.O. Box 2075 Morristown, N.J. 07962

(973) 993-8100

**VERIFICATION** 

I, WILLIAM N. AUMENTA, ESQ., an attorney duly admitted to practice law in the

Courts of the State of New York, affirms the following under the penalties of perjury:

1. I am an attorney at the law firm of McElroy, Deutsch, Mulvaney & Carpenter,

LLP, attorneys for the plaintiff in the above-captioned action. I have read the foregoing Verified

Complaint and know the contents thereof, and the same is true to my own knowledge, except as

to the matters therein stated to be alleged upon information and belief, and as to those matters, I

believe them to be true.

2. I further state that the source of the foregoing information and the grounds of

belief as to all matters therein not stated upon my knowledge are conversations had with the

plaintiff's representative and review of documents and information relating to this matter.

3. I further state that the reason why this verification is made by me and not by the

plaintiff is that the plaintiff is not located in the County where affirmant has his office.

Dated: June 30, 2009

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### **EXHIBIT B**

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#### FACTS COMMON TO ALL COUNTS

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- 8. By Guaranty dated July 14, 1982 ("Guaranty"), Trinity Broadcasting guaranteed payment of rent and the performance of all other obligations under the Lease.
  - 9. American Tower performed in good faith all of its obligations under the Lease.
- and Guaranty by failing to remit payment of the sums due and owing to American Tower. Defendants are jointly and severally liable for all payments and other obligations under the Lease for the entirety of its term. Accordingly, the sum of at least \$356,234.43, plus the annual rent escalator, 50% of the costs of all repairs and maintenance to the Site and 50% of all taxes and assessments payable on the Property pursuant to sections 4, 6 and 19 of the Lease, respectively, are due and owing from Defendants to American Tower.
- 11. Plaintiff provided multiple written notices to Defendants of their default of the Lease, but despite repeated demands for payment, Defendants have inexplicably, in bad faith and willfully refused to make payment to Plaintiff.

## AS AND FOR THE FIRST CAUSE OF ACTION (Breach of Contract)

- 12. Plaintiff repeats and realleges the allegations contained in Paragraphs 1 through 11 as if set forth at length herein.
- 13. Plaintiff performed all of its obligations under its valid, binding and enforceable Lease with Trinity New York.

- 14. However, Defendants breached their obligations under the Lease and Guaranty by failing to pay Plaintiff the sums due and owing thereunder.
- 15. Plaintiff notified Defendants of their breach of the Lease and Guaranty, but Defendants have failed and refused to remedy said breach, and have since abandoned the Property.
- 16. Defendants are jointly and severally liable for all payments and other obligations under the Lease for the entirety of its term. Accordingly, the sum of at least \$356,234.43, plus the annual rent escalator, 50% of the costs of all repairs and maintenance to the Site and 50% of all taxes and assessments payable on the Property pursuant to sections 4, 6 and 19 of the Lease, respectively, are due and owing from Defendants to American Tower.

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- 17. Plaintiff repeats and realleges the allegations contained in Paragraphs 1 through 16 as if set forth at length herein.
  - 18. Implied in every contract is the covenant of good faith and fair dealing.
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# AS AND FOR THE THIRD CAUSE OF ACTION (Unjust Enrichment)

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### AS AND FOR THE FOURTH CAUSE OF ACTION (Promissory Estoppel)

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- 24. In reliance upon Defendants' representations and promises in that regard, Plaintiff entered into the Lease and performed all of its obligations thereunder.
- 25. Despite Defendants' promise to pay the full agreed-upon consideration under the Lease, they have failed and/or refused to make full payment to Plaintiff.
- 26. Defendants are jointly and severally liable for all payments and other obligations under the Lease and Guaranty for the entirety of their term. Accordingly, the sum of at least \$356,234.43, plus the annual rent escalator, 50% of the costs of all repairs and maintenance to the Site and 50% of all taxes and assessments payable on the Property pursuant to sections 4, 6 and 19 of the Lease, respectively, is due and owing from Defendants to American Tower.

## AS AND FOR THE FIFTH CAUSE OF ACTION (Declaratory Judgment)

- 27. Plaintiff repeats and realleges the allegations contained in Paragraphs 1 through 26 as if set forth at length herein.
- 28. Plaintiff performed all of its obligations under its valid, binding and enforceable Lease with Trinity New York.

- 29. However, Defendants breached their obligations under the Lease and Guaranty by failing to pay Plaintiff the sums due and owing thereunder.
- 30. Upon information and belief, Defendant has abandoned the Site in violation of the Lease.
- 31. Defendants are jointly and severally liable for all payments and other obligations under the Lease and Guaranty for the entirety of their term. Accordingly, the sum of at least \$356,234.43, plus the annual rent escalator, 50% of the costs of all repairs and maintenance to the Site and 50% of all taxes and assessments payable on the Property pursuant to sections 4, 6 and 19 of the Lease, respectively, are due and owing from Defendants to American Tower.

WHEREFORE, Plaintiff demands judgment against Defendants, jointly and severally, in the First Cause of Action, Second Cause of Action, Third Cause of Action and Fourth Cause of Action in the amount of at least \$356,234.43, plus the annual rent escalator, 50% of the costs of all repairs and maintenance to the Site and 50% of all taxes and assessments payable on the Property pursuant to sections 4, 6 and 19 of the Lease, respectively, plus pre- and post-Judgment interest, costs, disbursements, attorney's fees and such further relief as the Court may deem just and equitable, the exact amount to be proved at trial. Plaintiff further demands judgment against Defendants, jointly and severally, in the Fifth Cause of Action declaring that Defendants are responsible to perform and fulfill all of their duties and obligations, financial or otherwise, under the Lease and Guaranty for the entirety of their term, plus an award to Plaintiff of pre- and post-Judgment interest, costs, disbursements, attorney's fees and such further relief as the Court may deem just and equitable, the exact amount to be proved at trial.

Dated: August 7, 2009 New York, N.Y.

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By:

WILLIAM N. AUMENTA, ESQ.

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1300 Mt. Kemble Avenue P.O. Box 2075 Morristown, N.J. 07962 (973) 993-8100 **VERIFICATION** 

I, WILLIAM N. AUMENTA, ESQ., an attorney duly admitted to practice law in the

Courts of the State of New York, affirms the following under the penalties of perjury:

1. I am an attorney at the law firm of McElroy, Deutsch, Mulvaney & Carpenter,

LLP, attorneys for the plaintiff in the above-captioned action. I have read the foregoing

Amended Verified Complaint and know the contents thereof, and the same is true to my own

knowledge, except as to the matters therein stated to be alleged upon information and belief, and

as to those matters, I believe them to be true.

2. I further state that the source of the foregoing information and the grounds of

belief as to all matters therein not stated upon my knowledge are conversations had with the

plaintiff's representative and review of documents and information relating to this matter.

3. I further state that the reason why this verification is made by me and not by the

plaintiff is that the plaintiff is not located in the County where affirmant has his office.

Dated: August 7, 2009

VILLIAM N. AUMENTA, ESO

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### **EXHIBIT C**

#### William Aumenta

Subject: FW: American Tower/Trinity

From: John Casoria [mailto:JBCasoria@tbn.org]

Sent: Monday, August 10, 2009 1:03 PM

To: William Aumenta

Subject: Re: American Tower/Trinity

Your timing was fine, I have just returned to the office today.

Please forward the amended complaint to me, (by email is fine). I will accept service.

In regard to settlement, my client is not willing to bid against itself.... What exactly is your clients new demand, if not the \$116K in the original complaint?



JOHN B. CASORIA
Special Operations Group
Trinity Broadcasting Network
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Tustin, CA 92679
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(714) 665-2168 (fax)
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William Aumenta <waumenta@mdmc-law.com>

To 'John Casoria' <JBCasoria@tbn.org>

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Subject American Tower/Trinity

08/07/2009 01:12 PM

## **EXHIBIT D**

#### William Aumenta

From: William Aumenta

Sent: Tuesday, September 22, 2009 12:34 PM

To: 'lmargolin@bracken-margolin.com'

Subject: American Tower v. Trinity, et al.

#### Linda.

It was a pleasure speaking with you moments ago. Pursuant to your request, attached are the service affidavits for each of your clients - as you'll see, they were both personally served with the Complaint in July. Accordingly, we are of the opinion that your September 1st removal was improper and that the matter should be remanded. Please advise us of your position and whether you will consent to remand without formal motion practice. Thanks

Bill

William N. Aumenta, Esq.

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My Commission Expires Dec. 7, 2010

### AMERICAN TOWER MANAGEMENT, INC.

- against -

TRINITY BROADCASTING OF NEW YORK, INC., ET AL

Petitioner(s) Plaintiff(s) Respondent(s) Defendant(s)

**AFFIDAVIT** OF SERVICE

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COUNTY OF: NEW YORK ATTORNEY: WILLIAM N AUMENTA, ESQ



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